

QIC Monthly Meeting Richfield Southwest Region
April 22, 2009

Our monthly QIC meeting was held at Central Utah Counseling Center (CUCC) at 12:30PM on Wednesday April 22nd.

In attendance: Susan Munk, Family Support Center Director/Workforce Services; Angie Morrill; Pamela Allred, DCFS Supervisor Richfield; Arleen Cromwell PhD, CUCC Director Richfield; Valorie Johnson, DV worker; Caron Wither, New Horizons Crisis Center; Marissa Douglas, UFCF; April Fortie, Family Support Center Manager; Bruce Zylks, DCFS Program Administrator and Karen Anderson, DCFS Administrative Assistant.

Excused: Karen Payne, CASA Program Manager; Tammy Powell, DJJS; Shelley Haupt, Community Partner; Leanne Geigle, CUCC; Mary Lee Harrison, Retired Community Partner; Susan Munk, Family Support Center Director/Workforce Services; Josephine Griffith, Community Partner; Gail Albrecht, Sevier School District; Don & Coylene Brinkerhoff, Richfield foster parents;

Guests: Debbie Hoffines, Utah Foster Care Foundation; Cindy Lund, Office of Licensing; Kerri Burns SLC Admin QIC

Agenda Items:

Welcome – Shelley Haupt

Introductions

Review Previous meeting Minutes

Worker Retention – thank you Karen Payne

Marissa – Review Foster Parent Packet

Cindy Lund – Answer Licensing Questions

Discuss Goals for this year: Worker Retention

Stability of Foster Placements

Reminder – Walk-a-Thon Saturday April 25th at the City Park

Handouts:

Utah Job Connection – Summer Jobs for Youth

Shelley welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made and minutes from our last QIC in March were reviewed and approved.

Utah Foster Care Foundation Presentation

Marissa brought a presentation board and handouts for the group.

Marissa & Debbie reviewed the process for people who would like to do foster care, it is as follows:

1. Prospective Foster Parent (PFP) will call the Utah Foster Care Foundation (UFCF) or Access the Website
2. UFCF sends out an information packet (the PFP (can be) a single person, married couple over 21 years of age)
3. UFCF then follows up with the PFP.
4. UFCF schedules an initial consultation with the family, where they explain the licensing process training requirements, reviews the stability of the home, discipline & rules of the home, discusses the family's experience with children and their expectations and may invite the family to attend pre service training.

5. UFCF then goes over Packet "A", which is the family application, medical forms, reference letters, etc.
6. In the training class, along with the training they review the provider code of conduct, safety check list, confidentiality policy and background screening form.
7. After the training is completed, backgrounds have been ran, and the necessary paperwork has been received by the OL, the PFP can become licensed.
8. The PFP have 1 year to complete the DCFS Practice Model Training.
9. Yearly training is provided to foster parents. The primary care give is required to have 12 hours of ongoing training and the spouse is required to have 4 hours of ongoing training.

Office of Licensing (OL)

Cindy Lund from the OL in Nephi was invited and attended our meeting. She License's Sanpete and Sevier Counties in Southwest Region.

Some of Cindy duties are to send out reference letter, process background checks, complete home studies and renew existing licensed foster parents.

Cindy also review with the group and answered questions regarding licensing expectations on home safety requirements and space issues.

Sevier and Sanpete counties received approximately 20 calls each in a three month time period. All of Southwest Region receives about 120 inquiries per quarter. About 1/3 of them take the classes. Currently placements are needed for children 8 to 18 years of age.

The group discusses the rate the foster parents receive monthly. This rate is set by the legislator's. Proctor parents (private agency providers) and paid at least half again as much and have more extensive wrap around services for the child. Arlene will invite our legislators to our next meeting.

The group also discussed/did some brainstorming on what we could do to assist in recruitment. 1) assist in sending out flyers 2) send out flyer with school students 3) have a booth at some of the events in Sevier and Sanpete counties 4) sent out flyers with Leanne's youth group.

There will be Structured Foster Care training for existing foster parents in June. There are potentially 4 families in our area that will be taking this class.

Next meeting will be held May 27, 2009

Internet site for QIC: <http://utahqic.utah.gov>